

**What is claimed is:**

1. A method of treating water comprising the steps of:

exposing water desired to be treated to ozone in sufficient quantity to reduce

5 a concentration of undesired microorganisms therein;

flowing the water over a colony of attached algae to remove undesired matter  
therefrom;

stopping the water flow;

harvesting the algal colony, leaving a colony base;

10 adding a pesticide to the colony base to detoxify the colony base;

permitting the pesticide to achieve substantial detoxification; and

detoxifying the pesticide.